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WILLIAM ARMSTRONG McCULLA (1838-1923)

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b. Willowbrook Farm, Co. Sligo; s. of John McCulla, Town clerk for 30 yrs.; came to Canada 1849.

Member of Town Council 1873-1885

Reeve 1883; 1884; 1885

Mayor 1880; 1881; 1882

Warden 1885

M.P. for Peel 1887-1891

Postmaster Brampton 1895-1923

Church of England; Conservative; Mason; Orangeman.

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THE ANTI-JESUIT MEETING

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Nil

One of the largest meetings ever held in the town was that on Monday evening last to discuss the Jesuit question. The proceedings began at 8.30 o'clock by the appointment of Geo. Graham, Esq., to the chair. The following named gentlement took seats upon the platform. The Revs. J. Philip, M.A., J. Mahan and W. Herridge, and Messrs. W. A. McCulla, M.P., J. Fleming, ex-M.P., and A. F. Campbell, Editor of the Conservator. The Revs. J. Philip, J. Mahan and A. F. Campbell spoke plainly and forcibly in denunciation of Jesuitism and Roman aggression in every form throughout the Dominion. Mr. Fleming defended the actions of the Government and the members of the House who voted against disallowance. Mr. McCulla followed in the same strain and pleaded justification for himself in the course he had pursued, at the same time declared his unflinching opposition to Jesuitism. The Rev. W. Herridge throught that Jesuitism should not be so denounced. He is opposed to the movement now going on ted by Mary Miceli for Gilbert MHM. McCulla

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against them in the country. The speech of the evening was by the Rev. J. Philp. He thoroughly exposed the false pretensions of those who set up a moral claim for the Jesuits to the estates in question, and pointed out, why, in his opinion the Dominion Government should have disallowed the Act. The rev. gentleman carried the meeting by storm, and on the vote three-fourths of the audience rose and declared themselves in sympathy with the resolutions which we give below. It was after midnight when the meeting closed.

Resolved, That we recognize the Society of Jesuits as an order whose existence has ever been hostile to civil and religious liberty, and whose principles and teachings have been condemned by both Catholic and Protestant historians, statesmen, and nations as subversive of morality, truth and righteousness, and inimical to Governmental authority. Further, that for these reasons this order has been expelled from all Christian and civilized lands, and has been suppressed by Great Britain ted by Mary Miceli for Gilbert MHM.

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again and agin, and disqualified by Imperial statute to hold property within the British realm.

We therefore regard the Act of the Quebec legislature in 1887 "incorporating the Society of Jesuits" as antagonistic to the highest interests of the Dominion and in the light of Imperial legislation, unconstitutional in any British dependency.

We would express our emphatic condemnation of the Jesuit Estates Act passed by the Legislature at its last session, whereby $400,000 of the public funds of Quebec Province were voted to the Scoeity of Jesuits, presumably in settlement of their claims, but, we hold, in direct violation of royal statute and of the true principles of civil and religious liberty and equality, and whereby the will of a foreign potentate was consulted and recognized in our national affairs, thus making the authority of another supreme to that of our honored and gracious Queen.

We further desire to put on record our strong disapproval of the recent vote of the House of Commons ted by Mary Miceli for Gilbert MHM. McCulla

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whereby the appeal for disallowance was utterly disregarded, and the Christian sentiment of this Dominion violated; and we declare our deepest sympathy with the movement now on foot to carry this appeal, if need be, to the British Throne, and our purpose to assist to the utmost every reasonable measure.

In recogniation of this we hereby appoint Rev. J. Philp, M.A.; J. Cheyne, R. J. Crawford, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Rev. J. Mahan, F. Volmer, J. Robertson, Rev. W. T. Tapscott, J. W. Main, C. Dawson, E. G. Graham, B. F. Justin, LL.B. and A. F. Campbell as delegates from the town of Brampton to the great Convention meeting in Toronto June 11th and 12th.

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Mc Culla

Born at Willowbrook farm, near Sligo

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b. 1838 . d. 1923

Mc Culla

William Armstrong McCulla, M.P., native of Co. Sligo, Ireland came to Brampton, Peel County, in 1849 when only eleven years of age, and throughout his lifetime was always keenly interested in the public life of the community. He was appointed Justice of the Peace by the old Sandfield Macdonald Government, was a member of the School Board and for fifteen years a member of the Town Council. He was also Reeve for three years and Mayor for a like period. In 1885 he was Warden of the County and in 1887 was elected representative of Peel in the Dominion Parliament. Contesting the seat again in 1891 Mr. McCulla was defeated by Joseph Featherston. In 1895 he was appointed Postmaster of Brampton, a position which he continued to fill until his death, July 1st, 1923. In 1870 Mr. McCulla was married to Elizabeth McBride, grandaughter of Archibald Pickard, United Empire Loyalist, who was the first settler on the townsite of Brampton. He was an Anglican, serving as church warden and delegate to the synod; a conservative in Politics, as well as an orangeman and mason.

W. A. McCulla, Magistrate, Brampton. 1877

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--Postmaster McCulla from year to year honors Macdonald Day in loving memory of the chieftain of whom he was so proud. On June 6th every year a handsome wreath decorates the portrait of Sir John Macdonald which hangs in the post office. This year it was of unusual beauty, was composed of orchids and lilies and was admired by every caller at the wicket for some days.

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PRESENTATION (W. A. McCULLA)

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On Monday eve. the 11th of April 1887 there was a gathering of Conservatives in Beynon and Manning's office to present a couple of handsome presents to two prominent members of the Liberal Conservative party as tokens of esteem and marks of appreciation for long and faithful services in the Conservative cause. Mr. McCulla received a beautiful gold watch and chain, and A. F. Campbell, editor of the "Conservator" a a fine Bokara overcoat. The valuable gifts were presented by H. D. ~~Romains~~ Rankins, Esq., on behalf of the Conservatives of Peel.

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W. A. McCULLA

The Liberal-Conservative Convention, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to support the policy of the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald in the coming campaign, was held in the concert hall on Monday last. The weather was very unfavorable, which under the circumstances would have served as an excuse for many absenting themselves. Not so this time. Long before the hour announced for the meeting, the hall was full. A pleasant feature of the convention is the fact that not a single polling sub-division in the county was unrepresented. President R. Blain took the chair and called to order the largest, the most representative and the most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the county. Beside him on the platform were . . . .

After several nominations and the different candidates addressing the meeting, all retired in favor of W. A. McCulla, the former member, whose choice was unanimous.

W. A. McCULLA - 2 42744

In coming forward to thank the delegates for selecting him as their standard bearer, Mr. McCulla was greeted with an outburst of enthusiasm which must have given him courage for the coming battle. After the cheering had subsided, he expressed the pleasure he felt in the confidence placed in him by the Conservative party of Peel, this being the third time he has been their choice.

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PUBLIC OFFICERS

Extract from THE MAIL AND EMPIRE, TORONTO, Tuesday, March 5, 1918.

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MR. AND MRS. W. A. McCULLA

Will Celebrate Golden Wedding, Memorable Milestone in the Lives of Postmaster of Brampton and Wife.

Previous to his Parliamentary term he (Mr. W. A. McCulla) served as member of Brampton School Board for several years, was for 15 years a member of the Brampton Town Council, three years Reeve, three years Mayor of Brampton, and for 1885 was Warden for the county of Peel.

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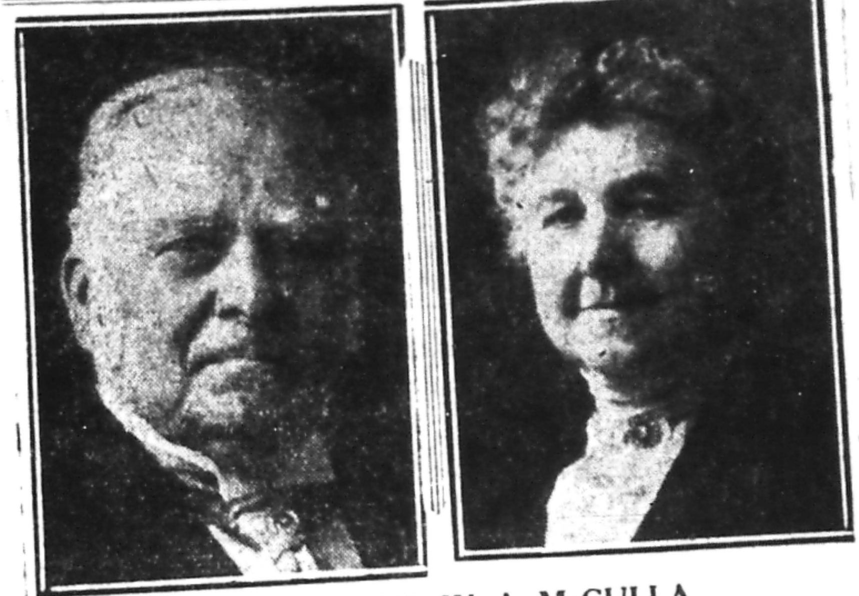

MR. AND MRS. W. A. McCULLA.

WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Memorable Milestone in the Lives of Postmaster of Brampton and Wife.

To-day is an auspicious date to the postmaster of Brampton and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCulla, as it marks the golden anniversary of their marriage, which event was solemnized fifty years ago at the birthplace and old home of the bride, who was the third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McBride, of Claude, township of Chinguacousy. Mr. W. A. McCulla, although born in Sligo, Ireland, came to Canada with his parents when a small boy. His father, John McCulla, was for 30 years town clerk of Brampton and secretary-treasurer of the Public and High School Board up to the time of his death. Mr. W. A. McCulla was a builder and contractor from 1865 until his appointment in 1895 as postmaster for Brampton, and during his industrial career built many churches and other public buildings in Brampton and throughout the county of Peel.

In public life Mr. McCulla has been prominently identified with his town and county, having been appointed Justice of the Peace by the old ~~Sanfield McDonald~~ Government, and later representing Peel in the Dominion Parliament as Conservative member from 1887 to 1891. Previous to his Parliamentary term he served as member of Brampton Public School Board for several years, was for 15 years a members of the Brampton Town Council, three years Reeve, three years Mayor of Brampton, and for 1885 was Warden of the county of Peel.

M.P. 1887-91

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCulla are: W. B. McCulla, Brampton; J. B. McCulla, Q.M.S., overseas; Mrs. W. J. Darby, Toronto; Mrs. Mabel Scott, Brampton; the late Mrs. Frank Irvine; one boy, Fred, died in childhood.

The grandchildren are Miss Wilma Scott, Miss Margaret McCulla, Masters Franklin and Arthur Irvine and Beatrice and Elizabeth Irvine.

Last Friday night Mr. McCulla, speaking at the 50th anniversary of Grace Methodist Church, Brampton, felicitously stated that just half a century previous he had built that church, it was in the first year of Confederation, and he was about to be married to Miss Elizabeth McBride—to him three memorable events.

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D. A. McCulla

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BRAMPTON. 10 Feb 1890
JOHN McCULLA. — ~~Lower~~ Town Clerk retires.

[illegible]. Mr. McCulla's speech was one

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D. A. McCulla's Nomination

The nomination for Peel took place yesterday in the Agricultural Hall. Our worthy Sheriff, the returning officer, took every pains to make the Session [illegible], by having the vast building provided with seats and well ventilated. R. [illegible] Esq. was nominated by [illegible] Esq. and seconded by W. [illegible], Esq. D. A. McCulla, Esq. was nominated by [illegible], Esq. Reeve of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible] addressed the meeting [illegible], and [illegible] to [illegible]. From [illegible] each [illegible] for half an hour. Mr. [illegible]'s speech was one

D. A. McCulla's nomination of the neatest and most explicit ever delivered at a nomination in Brampton in the same space of time. Mr. McCulla made a splendid impression on the audience."

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D. A. McCulla defeated by K. Chisholm.

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Ref. No. 69272.

Grant to John Busby McCulla, city of Toronto,
a South African Veteran.

In Twp. McGee, Dist. Sudbury. South part
broken lot 8, Con. 1. 157 ac.
Reserving 5% for roads.

Located to J. B. McCulla 23 Nov. 1921
Pat. to L. M. T. Sudbury 22 May 1922

Letter to Mulholland & Co. Toronto.

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CANADIAN CONTINGENT

(South African War.)

The first Canadian contingent included a number of County of Peel loyalists. In the second contingent, now being formed, Peel will also be represented. Mr. J.B. McCulla, son of Postmaster McCulla, has been accepted by the officers in charge of the formation of the corps. Mr. McCulla was for five years a member of the Northwest mounted police. He knows how to manage a horse, and carry a gun. Many friends who admire his patriotic spirit will wish him a safe return. Another name which appears on the recruiting list as hailing from Brampton, is that of Mr. Fred Taylor, whom we suppose is the young man who has been making his home with Mr. John Dunn, lot 10, 2nd. line, Toronto Township, and judging from what we know of him will make a brave and good soldier.

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JOHN BUSBY McCULLA Brampton

First to enlist in Toronto in R. C. M. R. 1900

Trained at Stanley Barracks until leaving for S. A.

Arrived at S. A., ~~a~~ week at Cape Town, reorganized and then became Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Engagements: Vet River, Zand River, Klip River,
Diamond Hill, Lilie Fontein, Olifansfontein, Witpoort.

1901 - invalided home, account of fever.

1901 Shield presented - one of twelve only issued.

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THE CONTEST IN PEEL

The result of the contest in this county is not a gratifying one. Mr. McCulla is defeated by a majority of 70, and Peel will be practically unrepresented in the next parliament. We admit we are disappointed. It is true that owing to an uncertainty as to who would be the choice of the convention, the Conservatives were somewhat handicapped when the elections were announced, the Liberals being in the field for the past two years. Notwithstanding that the odds were against him, Mr. McCulla made a good fight, and we believe had the elections been delayed for another week the result would have been different.

The claim of the Opposition that the farmers were opposed to the policy of the Government of Sir John Macdonald has not been substantiated. In Chinguacousy the only division showing a large increase in favor of the Liberal candidate in No. 10, and this division, while giving only 4 in favor of Mr. Fleming in 1887, gave 36 for Mr. Smith in 1882; this time it is only 34.

In Toronto Gore the change is attributed largely to other causes. The majority yesterday was 70, in 1887 only 16, and in 1882 47. It will thus be seen that the vote changes from time to time without any special cause.

On the other hand Toronto Township gives an increased majority for Mr. McCulla. In 1887 it was only 38, while yesterday it was 48.

In Streetsville the majority is increased from 43 to 50, while that of Brampton decreased from 74 to 50.

It will thus be seen that the county is a close one and that a few votes will change the result; that there is no feeling against the policy of the Government; that there is no reason for being downhearted or dispirited, and that all that is required is to place a candidate in the field early, have the organization perfect, and when another campaign comes the decision of yesterday will be reversed and victory will again be with the Conservative party.

THE RETURNS

As soon as the return were received from Brampton and No. 10 it became evident that Mr. Featherstone was elected by a small majority. The Conservative received the news at the concert hll, while the Liberal head quarters was at the Town hall. After all returns were received, showing the election of Mr. Featherstone, the gathering was addressed by Mr. McCulla and Messrs. Beynon, Blain, Crawford, Wright, Sheard, T. J. Blain, Capt. Blain, Scott and Crandall. While admitting defeat, it is safe to say that no better natured audience assembled in the Dominion. When the returns came to hand showing that Sir John was elected in Kingston and the Government was sustained, the people returned home satisfied.

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THE PEEL BANNER AND GENERAL ADVERTISER.
BRAMPTON, ONTARIO.

THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 1874.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

JOHN McCULLA

Agent for the issue of Marriage Licenses. Town Clerk's Office at Market Place, Brampton.

Brampton July 16, 1872.

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JOHN BUSBY McCULLA

First to enlist in Toronto in R. C. M. R., 1900. (Enlisted while on leave from Royal Canadian Mounted Police.)

Trained at Stanley Barracks until leaving for S. A.

Arrived in S. A., a week at Cape Town, reorganized and then became Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Engagements: Vet River, Zand River, Klip River, Diamond Hill, Lilie Fontein, Olifansfontein, Witpoort.

1901 - invalided home, account of fever.

1901 Shield presented by ladies of Toronto - one of twelve only issued.

On leaving for S. A., presentation made by Masonic Lodge, Brampton; City Council, Toronto; From Crown Lands Dept. (Ont.).

Grant to John Busby McCulla, a South African Veteran, 157 acs. in Twp. McGee, Dist. of Sudbury, 23 Nov. 1921.

Received also a grant from Dominion Government.

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McCulla

John McCulla was born in County Sligo, Ireland, where he took up law as a profession. In 1846, with his wife and three small children, he came to Canada, settling in Brampton. In 1847 he was appointed Clerk of Brampton, a position which he filled for 30 years, retiring on account of advancing age. During most of this period he also served as Secretary of the School Board and wielded considerable influence on the educational system of the town. He was always thoroughly versed in municipal law and on many occasions was of valuable service to the Mayor and Council. In politics he was a Conservative. He passed away in 1892 at the age of 86 yrs.

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John McCulla

John McCulla was born at Willowbrook Farm, County Sligo, Ireland in 1803. He began his career in the City of Sligo as agent for several large estates in the neighborhood, but in 1849 he set out with his wife and three small children for Canada. After a long and tedious journey by sail and stage-coach, he arrived at Port Credit - from which place he travelled by ox-team to the little village of Brampton, at that time noted chiefly as a grain-buying centre. Not long after his arrival Mr. McCulla was appointed Clerk of the Town of Brampton, a position which he filled for thirty years, retiring on account of advancing age. During most this period he served also as secretary of the School Board and wielded considerable influence on the educational system of the town. He was twice married, both his first and second wife being from his native Sligo. ~~He was a Methodist in religion~~ and an ardent Conservative in politics.

More about wives? Was he married the second time before he left Ireland?

Married [illegible] to Maria [illegible] Beatty

Married first [illegible]

Buried in [illegible]

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W. A. McCulla.

Born at Willowbrook-Farm, County Sligo, Ireland William Armstrong McCulla, son of John McCulla, was a lad of eleven years when he came to the village of Brampton in 1849 with his parents. Starting out early in life to make his way he became a builder and contractor; throughout his lifetime he was keenly interested in the public life of the community. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the old Sandfield Macdonald Government; and filled all the offices in the gift of his fellow citizens. He was successively member of the School Board, for fifteen years a member of the Town Council, three years reeve, and Mayor for a like period. In 1885 he was Warden of the County, and finally in 1887 he was elected representative of Peel in the Dominion Parliament. Contesting the seat again in 1891 Mr. McCulla was defeated by Joseph Featherstone. He was an ardent admirer of Sir John A. Macdonald and one of the last public appearances of the great leader was in the Brampton Court House on behalf of Mr. McCulla.

In 1895 he was appointed postmaster of Brampton, a position which he continued to fill until his death July 1st 1923.

In 1870 W. A. McCulla married Elizabeth McBride

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grand-daughter of Archibald Pickard U.E. first settler on the townsite of Brampton. The following year he took up residence at the corner of Queen and Chapel Streets – his home for the remainder of his life.
He was an Anglican, serving as church warden and delegate to the Synod, a Conservative of the old school, a Mason, and an Orangeman.

Has he any children? Where are they & what are they doing? Some more colourful details of his political conflicts and career might be obtained from them.

Children of W. A. McCulla and Elizabeth McBride

Wm. Beatty McCulla – d. 1922 – [illegible] Brampton unmarried.

[illegible]	"	– m. [illegible] – 1 dau.
[illegible]	..	m. Wm. [illegible] – [illegible]
[illegible]	..	m. Wm. [illegible] Scott – 1 dau.
Frederick	..	d. at [illegible]
Ethel	..	m. Franklin [illegible] 2 sons 2 dau.

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From "The Conservator" Sept. 5-89

W. A. McCULLA

Mr. W. A. McCulla, M.P., had a sail on the lake yesterday in a private steam yacht in company with Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, and his two pretty daughters.

THE CONSERVATOR, June 13, 1895.

GONE TO SEATTLE

Has W. B. M'Culla, Son of W.A.M'Culla,

Who has acted as Postmaster during the past six years--He has secured a profitable, though not permanent, situation in that far off land.

Business people and some who are not business people were surprised to hear this morning of the somewhat sudden departure of Mr. W. B. McCulla, who has acted as postmaster of Brampton for a number of years past.

Asked about the matter this afternoon, Mr. W. A. McCulla, his father, gave the information that he had gone to Seattle, where he had secured a profitable situation, which, however, was but for a short period, as he expected to return in November. The position is in the Customs department, and of course it is in the gift of Hon. N.C. Wallace.

"Then you will become actually postmaster yourself?" volunteered the Conservator.

"There will be no change" was Mr. McCulla's evasive reply.

"What does that mean?" further persisted the scribe, who was unable to understand how the gentleman who was presumably the postmaster could accept a position three or four thousand miles away and still act here.

"It means there will be no change," repeated Mr. McCulla, with one of those left-handed smiles which may mean a great deal or very little;and the conversation ended.

"lthough not stated in so many words we think the inference is apparent. Mr. McCulla, senior, will become in name what he has been in fact for years, and Mr. McCulla, junior, has become an employee of the Government elsewhere.

The position of postmaster has been in a sort of reversable condition ~~for~~ ever since the death of Mr. Elliott, seven or eight years ago. The party was willing that Mr. McCulla should accept the ~~pse~~ position himself, but was decidedly opposed to the boy securing it. However, in spite of this, the son occupied it temporarily until his departure. It remains to be seen whether he can accept another position for a time and return at pleasure and resume his duties here. This is not at all probable. The position is an important one and requires the undivided attention of a capable man.

Heres to W. A. McCulla, ex-M. P., postmaster of Brampton.

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McCULLA, JOHN
Bereavement.

On January 25, at the age of 86, John McCulla passed away. He took up law as a profession in the old land and was very successful in his studies. In 1846, together with wife and three children he emigrated to Canada, landing safely after three months voyage in Port Credit, the first night of his residence in this county being on the place where Mr. W. R. Wright now resides. The proceeded at once to Brampton, where he continued to reside until his death except for a year spent in revisiting Ireland. In 1847 he was appointed clerk of the village of Brampton, a position he held until a few years ago. He was also Sec.-Treas. of the Public School Board for the same time and of the High School Board since its organization. His work was performed carefully and systematically, and to the satisfaction of all. So familiar was he with the by-laws passed by the Council during these long years that he

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could explain their intention at any time. Thoroughly versed in municipal law he was on many occasions of valuable service to the Mayor and Council. In politics he was a Liberal Conservative. He attended Wesleyan Church for amny years but after union became a worshipper at St. Paul's (Methodist Ch.) He passed away "full of days, riches and honor," surrounded by his family and friends. Two sons, W. A. McCulla, Brampton and Thos. McCulla, Dunnville and one daughter survive. On day of funeral, Jan. 28, the County Council adjourned as a mark of respect to the aged veteran.

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W. A. McCulla

A convention of the Liberal-Conservatives of Peel was held in the Concert Hall on Sat. last. Robt. Crawford, president of the association, took the chair and explained the object of the meeting. After a general discussion it was decided that ballots be taken without specific nominations being made, each delegate writing the name of the person whom he considered would be the strongest candidate.

Mr. McCulla received a majority of the ballots cast; the others voted for being, — A. F. Campbell, W. R. Wright, Jas. Jackson, E. J. Walsh, and Robt. Crawford. When the vote was announced Mr. McCulla came forward and [illegible]. He had no thought of seeking a nomination but was pleased at the confidence shown in him. He would not accept the nom. at this meeting, but would arrange with the Pres. for calling another meeting in 2 weeks when he would give a reply

Conservatives: ~~2~~ Oct 11-94

42770 D. A. McCulla Declines Nom.

Letter to Conservatives of Co. of Peel

Brampton Oct. 11th - 1894

Gentlemen - I desire to take this means of making known to you my intention of not accepting the nomination unanimously tendered me when in convention assembled a few weeks ago. In declining the nomination I must say to you that I had no fear whatever of the result, but believe that with a strong candidate in the field, a united party, and the enthusiasm that has always been displayed in Dominion matters, Peel will return to Ottawa a supporter of the Govt. of Sir John Thompson. I must commend the gentlemen who took such an active interest in the preliminary revision of the lists, and the earnestness and enthusiasm which have characterized their efforts as far as [illegible] ~~with~~ the Liberal party [illegible] must result advantageously [illegible]. I am certain that the candidate of the party, whoever he may be, can rely upon my hearty co-operation & assistance. Thanking you

confidence [illegible] yours faithfully D. A. McCulla

From 'The Conservative' 42771 Sept. 5 - 89

W. A. McCulla M.P. W.A.P.

Mr. W. A. McCulla, M.P., had a sail on the Lake yesterday in a private steam yacht in company with Sir Hector Langevin Minister of Public Works, and his hospitable daughters".

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The Conservator, July 5, 1923.

POSTMASTER McCULLA CALLED BY DEATH

Brampton Veteran Passed Awy on Dominion Day Morning.

A shadow was thrown over the brightness of Old Home Week by the death of William A. McCulla, which occurred on Sunday morning. A thought that animated many of the old residents of the town, in making the trip to Brampton, was the thought of renewing a friendship of many years' standing with a man who had been the friend of hundreds during the 74 years of his residence in the town. For some time Mr. McCulla had been in failing health, but had been in his accustomed place at the post office ten days previous to his death. There never has been in the entire history of the town of Brampton a man who filled the unique place that W. A. McCulla occupied. In his 86th year, he had occupied the position of postmaster of the town for nearly 40 years of that period. Previous to accepting this responsible office, which he has filled with satisfaction to a large community and honor to himself, he had filled every position the town had to offer. Of a very genial disposition, he was beloved for his old-fashioned courtesy, and became the centre of any group through his attractive manner. Mr. McCulla was born in Sligo, Ireland, coming to Canada as a boy of 11 years with his parents. He often told the anecdotes of the activities and the friendliness of early Brampton days. His father, the late John McCulla, was clerk of Brampton for 30 years.

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POSTMASTER McCULLA CALLED BY DEATH - 2

Deceased himself was a justice of the peace, appointed by the Sanfield Macdonald (sic) store of his journey to Brampton from the Lake Shore, travelling on foot up the Centre Road. His stories of the early life of the town were replete with donald government. (sic) From 1887 to 1891 he was member for Peel County in the Federal House, and prior to that date had been for several years member of the public school board. For fifteen years a member of Brampton's council, he was three years mayor of the town and three years its reeve, in this capacity having enjoyed the honor of sitting in the warden's chair. He was at one time registrar for the county of Peel. In fraternal circles, Mr. McCulla bore a part equally outstanding, for he was a member of the Orange Order, a charter member of Golden Star Lodge, I.O.O.F., and the oldest surviving member of the Ionic Lodge, A.F. and A.M., which he joined fifty three years ago. His wife, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McBride, of Claude, died during the past year, Mr. and Mrs. McCulla having celebrated their golden wedding five years ago, when the celebration of this event was made a matter of congratulation by a very large community. Two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Darby, Toronto, and Mrs. Mabel Scott, Brampton, and one son, John, of Toronto, are surviving members of the family, while one brother, Thomas B. McCulla, of Dunnville, Ont., also survives.

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POSTMASTER McCULLA CALLED BY DEATH - 3

The funeral took place from his late residence, Queen St. East, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. A very large number of old and close friends gathered to pay the last marks of respect, among them being S. Charters, M.P., Major T. L. Kennedy, M.L.A., Dr. S. Webster, sheriff of Halton; James Wallace, Rev. Clark Wallace, D. Mackenzie, Woodbridge; Dr. J. B. Kennedy, Detroit; Samuel Hughes, Toronto; Dr. A. H. McFadden, J. K. Morley, Cooksville; J. F. Hollis, Toronto; A. Gordon, Cleveland, and a brother, Thos. B. McCulla. The funeral service at the house was conducted by Rev. R. W. Allen, rector of Christ Church, with which Mr. McCulla had had a connection of three score years and ten, Rev. Canon A. J. Fidler, St. Clement's Church, North Toronto, and Rev. Richard Shaw, Toronto, cousin of deceased. The Masonic Order took charge of the funeral rites, and six brethren from Ionic Lodge, Messrs. H. W. Dawson, W. C. Young, D. O. Bull, M. G. Chantler, Capt. A. Firth, S. A. Hughes, Toronto, bore the remains to the grave. The committal service was read by Bro. James R. Fallis, P.D.D.G.M. The casket bore many floral tributes from deeply sorrowing friends and relatives, among them being memorials from Peel Liberal-Conservative Association, the post office staff, Ionic Lodge, the A.O.U.W., Rev. Clark Wallace and Miss Wallace, Judge Hearn, Kitchener; Mrs. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Snider, and from members of the family. Every

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POSTMASTER McCULLA CALLED BY DEATH - 4

speaker, who made an address in connection with the celebration of Old Home Week, referred in terms of love, respect and admiration, to the man who had passed before they could touch his hand in greeting, and all referred definitely to his splendid citizenship, a term intended to imply that he was a man four-square to his town, and to his country.

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W. A. McCULLA

CELEBRATES HIS 85th BIRTHDAY

Brampton's Veteran Postmaster Wished "Many Happy Returns" on Tuesday.

74 Years in Town

A Varied Career in Service - Recalls Many Incidents in Life

Brampton's grand old man, William A. McCulla, postmaster of the town for more than three decades, celebrated his 85th birthday on Tuesday (April 10th) by going to the office and carrying out the day's routine, taking a stroll around town, and shaking hands with the many friends who wished him "many happy returns of the day."

Telegrams, phone messages and letters, reiterated in many various expressions the good wishes that had been showered upon Mr. McCulla by his fellow townsmen. There is no man in the town who has surrounded himself so completely by the good will and kindly thought of the community.

Coming to Brampton 74 years ago as a lad of 11 years, newly arrived from Sligo, Ireland where he was born, Mr. McCulla has a rich treasury of memories of the town. He loves nothing better than to bring forth those treasures and discuss them with other old-timers. The unusual thing in this retrospection, is, that Mr. McCulla himself figures largely in the important events

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he recalls.

As members of the Dominion House for several terms, as reeve of Brampton and warden of the county, as councillor and mayor of Brampton, he has had an unusually compelling part in shaping the destinies of the town in which he has spent so many years. He was also a member of the school board for years.

As contractor and builder, both in association with his father, the late John McCulla, when he assisted in erecting the first central school, and later, when in business by himself, he has been associated with the erection of some of the important edifices of the county.

It may be said truly of Mr. McCulla, that he is eighty-five years young, for his intellect is keen, and his faculties unimpaired. Brampton wishes him most heartily many happy returns of the day, each anniversary to find him well and happy.

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W. A. McCULLA

The Liberal-Conservative Convention, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to support the policy of the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald in the coming campaign, was held in the concert hall on Monday last. The weather was very unfavorable, which under the circumstances would have served as an excuse for many absenting themselves. Not so this time. Long before the hour announced for the meeting, the hall was full. A pleasant feature of the convention is the fact that not a single polling sub-division in the county was unrepresented. President R. Blain took the chair and called to order the largest, the most representative and the most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the county. Beside him on the platform were . . . . After several nominations and the different candidates addressing the meeting, all retired in favor of W. A. McCulla, the former member, whose choice was unanimous.

In coming forward to thank the delegates for selecting him as their standard bearer, Mr. McCulla was greeted with an outburst of enthusiasm which must have given him courage for the coming battle. After the cheering had subsided, he expressed the pleasure he felt in the confidence placed in him by the Conservative party of Peel, this being the third time he has been their choice.

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Extract from THE MAIL AND EMPIRE, TORONTO, Tuesday,
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MR. AND MRS. W. A. McCULLA

Will Celebrate Golden Wedding, Memorable Milestone in the Lives of Postmaster of Brampton and Wife.

Previous to his Parliamentary term he (Mr. W. A. McCulla) served as member of Brampton School Board for several years, was for 15 years a member of the Brampton Town Council, three years Reeve, three years Mayor of Brampton, and for 1885 was Warden for the county of Peel.

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Mrs. W. A. McCulla. (Obituary) 42781

It was with universal regret that the news was received on Tuesday (Mar. 21,) of the passing of Mrs. W. A. McCulla, wife of W. A. McCulla, postmaster of Brampton, and former member of the Canadian House of Commons for Peel. Mrs. McCulla had passed through a long and serious illness, borne with beautiful and unusual Christian patience, and the end came on Monday night (Mar. 20,) as a welcome release. She was the daughter of the late Daniel McBride of Claude, coming to Brampton on her marriage, and residing in the Queen Street home, where she died, for upwards of fifty years. In 1918 Mr. and Mrs. McCulla celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A member of Christ Church, Mrs. McCulla was highly esteemed for her devotion to the work of the various departments of the church. Throughout the various circles of the town's life, she leaves a host of friends, who will mourn the passing of one of Brampton's kindliest spirits.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM B. McCULLA

News of the death of William B. McCulla, which occurred on Sunday last (January 14th), was received by the people of Brampton with general regret and sorrow. The deceased who was the eldest son of Mr. W. A. McCulla, was born in Brampton and spent his life here. He was in his 52nd year, and was well known throughout the county. For thirty years he had filled the position of deputy postmaster, and conducted the office in a manner to meet with general commendation. Of a studious disposition, he was well informed and took a deep interest in public questions. He was a member of the Church of England and at different times warden of Christ Church and one of the representatives to the Synod. He was also a member of the Orange Order and a Conservative. He is surived by his father, one brother, John B. McCulla, and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Darby of Toronto, and Mrs. Mabel Scott of Brampton. The funeral took place on Tuesday to Brampton Cemetery, service being conducted by Rev. R. W. Allen, rector of Christ Church.

Dictated by Mr. Bull - dictaphone. 3rd September, 1935.

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Mrs. W. A. McCulla, Elizabeth McBride , who was a granddaughter of Archibald P~~a~~ickard, Mrs. McCulla's parents, Daniel ~~Samuel~~ (?) McBride and Ann Pickard were celebrating their golden wedding on their farm at Claude. ~~Todd(?~~), next to Dr. Robinson, in the late 1880's.

Mrs. McCulla's older brother was there and his second wife with the family of William McBride, the children of the first wife, who was Elizabeth, daughter of Bunnell ~~Bidwell~~ at _____ Hollow,

McCulla's five children were there and there were eleven children of Samuel McBride, and most of them had large families ne Conservator" Dec. 29, 1899.

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CANADIAN CONTINGENT
(South African War)

The first Canadian contingent included a number of County of Peel loyalists. In the second contingent, now being formed, Peel will also be represented. Mr. J. B. McCulla, son of Postmaster McCulla, has been accepted by the officers in charge of the formation of the corps. Mr. McCulla was for five years a member of the Northwest mounted police. He knows how to manage a horse, and carry a gun. Many friends who admire his patriotic spirit will wish him a safe return. Another name which appears on the recruiting list as hailing from Brampton, is that of Mr. Fred Taylor, whom we suppose is young man who has been making his home with Mr. John Dunn, lot 10, 2nd line, Toronto Township, and judging from what we know of him will make a brave and good soldier.

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A familiar figure ~~around the~~ in church activities for ~~xxxx~~

many years was William Armstrong McCulla, one of Brampton's very oldest citizens at the time of his death in 1923 at the age of eighty-five.

He ~~arrived in~~ Brampton in 184~~8~~ 38 as a boy of nine ~~eleven~~ with his parents, ~~his brother and sister.~~

He was born at Willowbrook Farm, County Sligo, Ireland, ~~in~~ John McCulla, his father, being a landholder and estate agent. ~~xxxxxx~~ [illegible]

The ~~family landed at Port Credit and~~ took the Centre Road ~~to Brampton in an ox-wagon~~. John McCulla became town clerk, a position he held for thirty years. [illegible]

William grew up in the village and married in 1870 Elizabeth McBride, granddaughter of Archibald Pickard, U.E.L., and first settler in Brampton.

Building and contracting his ~~his~~ profession, and he was responsible for numerous edifices in Brampton, including Grace Methodist church. But public ~~affairs~~ interested him more. Sandfield McDonald appointed him Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the school board, of the town council, reeve, mayor of Brampton, and Warden of the County.

Then he was chosen to contest ~~represent~~ the constituency in the Conservative interest, was elected and served from 1887 to 1891 but was defeated for re-election. He was then appointed Postmaster and held the office until his death.

Sir John A. MacDonald was his hero, and he would decorate the portrait of the great leader that hung in his office with flowers every 6th June.

It is perhaps needless to add that McCulla was a dyed in the wool Orangemen, holding various offices in the Order. He had a suave Irish wit, and a reporter who was trying to pump him once returned to the office to write disgustedly of his "left-handed smile."

Mrs. McCulla was deeply interested in Church work.

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Whose maiden name was Busby, the beloved wife of John McCulla, Esq., was born at Ballisdore, in the county of Sligo, Ireland, in the year 1820, and exchanged mortal for immortal life at Brampton, October 18th, 1884. It can be truthfully said of her, as was said of one of old, she was a burning and a shining light. From childhood her religious advantages were of a superior kind. In spiritual lineage she was of the third generation along the Methodist line, and was from early girlhood a consistent and devoted Christian. Her father was a class-leader, and her grandfather, with the members of his family, were among the first in their neighborhood to welcome to their home the almost immediate descendants of the Rev. John Wesley. Our departed sister was largely gifted by nature and culture. Her mental powers were of a high order. Hew knowledge of what is now called Methodist doctrine was superior to that of any other woman with whom the writer of this brief memoir has at any time conversed. Her beautiful utterances in prayer we have seldom heard equalled and never surpassed by any whose devout utterances we have listened to when addressing the Supreme Ruler of the universe. She has gone to be forever with the Lord.

Our first acquaintance with the departed commenced shortly after her marriage, which occurred at New York in the year 1859. On her removal to Brampton she united with the church of which the writer was at that

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time the pastor, and during the last twenty-five years had been one of the most devoted and highly esteemed in the church of which she was so bright an ornament. For many years of her useful life she taught the senior female class in our Sabbath-school. Her much loved work was brought to an abrupt and speedy termination by an accidental fall, which occurred in 1880. With her the last four years of life were years of suffering. She suffered without complaining; she charged not God foolishly. She now is where there is no more pain, the former things with her have passed away, and all things have become new. The type of disease which terminated her devoted life was dropsy, superinduced by want of exercise, which led to other physical derangements, yet all was borne with true Christian resignation. Being taught of the Spirit how to live, she was by her never-failing Friend taught how to die. When suffering most acutely, she was often heard to say, "These light afflictions, which are but for a moment, are working out for me a far more exceeding and, eternal weight of glory. I shall soon be at rest; my feet are climbing the other side of the river. I am looking upwards; there is light and a house not made with hands enternal in the heavens." The day before her departure she desired that each of her grandchildren, whom she loved, and to whom she had often imparted lessons of religious life, should be brought to her bedside, and when arranged in

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proper order she gave to each suitable advice, and upon all the room invoked divine benediction. After this blessed exercise she sank rapidly. As the silver cord was being loosed, she sang most sweetly the twenty-third Psalm, commencing with, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil." Then followed from her dying lips: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Her funeral was largely attended by ministers and members of her own, and ministers and members of other Churches, by whom she was held in high esteem. The cortege moved slowly to our Queen Street church, where, for more than twenty years, she worshipped the God of her fathers. At the close of a funeral service conducted by the writer, in which service the Rev. Mr. Locke, minister of the church, and the Rev. Mr. McFadden, took part, devout men bore the remains of this largely gifted and truly godly woman to their last resting-place, there to await the resurrection of the just. May we meet beyond the river.

R. Boyle.

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FROM OUR FILES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

Items of news reproduced and condensed from files of The Conservator dated Friday, December 3rd, 1886.

In county council, a motion that D. I. McKinnon, public school inspector, be removed for "arbitrary conduct and uncalled-for interference in matters pertaining to the public schools of Albion," was lost on a division, the members for Albion alone voting yea.

W. G. Jessop, of Bolton, has been appointed principal of Brampton public school at a salary of $600 a year. Miss Stubbings, Miss Ryan and Miss Rose Roberts have been engaged, each at an annual salary of $250.

Telephone connection between Ottawa and Montreal is promised before the end of next year.

Two candidates, Messrs. Kerns and Scott, were initiated into the Royal Arch Chapter at an Orange Lodge meeting in Caledon East on Friday evening. Following the meeting, there was an oyster supper at Bird's Hotel.

The convention of the Liberal-Conservative Associotion of Peel was held in Brampton on Thursday, Dec. 2nd. It was the largest and most enthusiastic held in the county for years. W. A. McCulla was elected candidate for the Commons, and A. F. Campbell as candidate for the Legislature.

On Monday last, Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. Mr. Thompson, Minister of Justice, passed through this town on the C.P.R. train en route for Orangeville to attend the demonstration in their honour at that place. Both addressed a crowd of over 200 people at the Brampton station, and, when the train steamed away, Messrs. McCulla, Campbell, A. F. Blain, Richard Blain, Thomas Burnett, James Stewart, and a number of other prominent townspeople were aboard.

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Family History

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BRAMPTON CEMETERY - Block A.

McCULLA, W. A. B. in Co. Sligo, Ireland, d. at Brampton, July 1, 1923, aged 85. (s. of John, below)

Elizabeth McBride, b. at Claude, Peel Co. d. at Brampton, Mar. 20, 1922, aged 78.

Annie Ethel, w. of Franklin Irvine, d. July 12, 1917, aged 34 (dtr. of W. A. McCulla)

William B, s. of above, d. Jan. 14, 1923, aged 52.

Frederick James, s. of above, d. Apr. 15, 1885,

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John, d. Jan. 25, 1892, aged 85. Native of Co. Sligo, Ireland. (father of W. A., above)

Maria Beatty, 1st w. of John, d. July 19, 1859, aged 45, native of Dublin, Ireland.

Eliza Busby, 2nd w. of John, d. Oct. 18, 1884, aged 64 yrs.

Elizabeth, dtr. of John (no dates) Native co. Sligo, Ireland.

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BRAMPTON'S NEW CLERK AND TREASURER

THE appointment of A. L. Patterson to the position of Clerk and Treasurer of Brampton is popular among the ratepayers more especially among the young. Mr. Patterson is only 27 years of age For seven years he has filled the position of assistant-clerk to the satisfaction of the different councils chosen during those years. His promotion was therefore a natural one when a vacancy was created. He follows a long line of efficient officials. For several years following the town's incorporation the position was held by John McCulla, Esquire, a very efficient servant and one who had a prominent part in the preparation of the early by-laws; he was followed by T. J. Blain, who was later appointed to the judiciary in Saskatchewan; later Crown Attorney McFadden Crown Attorney Davis, Colonel Corkett, now Postmaster, and lastly Mr. W. J. Black, who takes the position of town engineer. To his duties as clerk, Mr Patterson has the added position of town treasurer, a position efficiently filled for many years by Dr. Edwards, who now seeks the retirement he has so well earned. That the new clerk will discharge the duties of his responsible position with the care and ability demonstrated by his predecessors is the confident belief of those who have knowledge of his work in the past

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